

ly coppered and calked before she left here, and everything about her was thought to be in first rate trim.

During the past night a copious rain has fallen, and has washed out every vestige of the recent snow storm and cold weather. At the present writing a fire in the room is decidedly uncomfortable warm.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 15, 1849.

An Erratic Genius—Ho! for California—The Weather.

A young fellow, calling himself the son of Mr. Lester, of New Orleans, has been deluding a vast number of our citizens in various ways. He got an architect to draw a plan for a magnificent theatre, 100 feet front by 150 feet deep, to be built upon a lot in the upper part of the Northern Liberties, which he pretended to have purchased. He engaged nearly a hundred mechanics, by promises of profitable employment, and secured a lawyer's services, with the prospect of an enormous fee.

The plans of the building were all prepared, and the anxious expectants of the harvest they were to reap from being employed by so generous a man, were all ready to commence work, when their hopes were dashed to the ground by the discovery that a check for \$500 had been given to the owner of the ground was disengaged by the Bank of North America, and that it was held in trust, keeping no account there. The highly imaginative gentleman is still in our midst, and efforts are making to bring him to an account, but as he has reaped no pecuniary profit from his erratic course, the law cannot well take hold of him. He is believed to be the same fellow who has performed similar tricks in Bucks county, and one would think that he labors under a sort of malignant influence, for it is so much easier to give him a name than to find out the title of knave that is in.

The creation of a theatre to accommodate 4,000 persons at such a distance from the centre of the city struck those he explained his plans to with wonder; but to obviate this, he proposed having omnibuses to run through every street, and that the ticket of admission to the theatre would include a ride to the theatre and home again after the close of the performance.

The Grey Eagle and Oceola, for California, start to-morrow morning, and will carry away about eighty of our most enterprising young men. The Rev. Mr. Braund yesterday announced that five from his congregation were to embark for that country, and put up prayers for their safe delivery from the perils of the deep.

The ice is gradually disappearing in our rivers from the effects of the thaw, and our shipping are relieved from the embargo that has detained them in port, contrary to the wishes of their owners.

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LATER FROM HAVANA.—The steamer Isabel, Capt. Rollins, arrived here last evening, from Havana, via Key West.

Four vessels received in this city from Havana, we learn that the Board of Health of that city have decided to make the Quarantine regulations more stringent. Every vessel from the United States will be subjected to a strict examination of eight days, and a vessel arriving from a port situated in a place where one ship has already existed, will undergo a quarantine of 20 days.

The seamer Isthmus, from New York, for California, arrived at Havana on the 6th inst., and sailed on the 7th for San Francisco.

The Br. Mail steamer had not arrived at Havana up to the time the Isabel left.—*Charleston News*, Jan. 12.

#### CITY TRADE REPORT.

MONDAY, Jan. 15.—P.M. 8° F.

The weather was extremely inclement, both under foot and overhead, and unfavorable to all out-door business, and the railroads thinly attended, and transactions in all departments of trade were very light. The change of wind, within a few days, brought in a large number of inward bound vessels, many of which came from Southern ports, containing cotton, sugar, and grain products, including cotton, flour and grain provisions.

These several articles were dull, compared with the feeling at the close of the past week. The sales of flour effected were comparatively small, and at about the same price of \$12.50 per barrel.

Wheat, 60 cts.; corn, 30 cts.; oats, 15 cts.; barley, 15 cts.; rye, 12 cts.; buckwheat, 10 cts.

Bacon, ham, 15 cts.; lard, 12 cts.; bacon, 12 cts.

Flour, 60 cts.; meal, 30 cts.; flour, 15 cts.; flour, 12 cts.; meal, 10 cts.; flour, 10 cts.; meal, 8 cts.

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